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SUBJ: MOTION PICTURE COPYRIGHTS

REF: PRETORIA 4708 AND PREVIOUS

1. WE HAVE TALKED WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND AGAIN WITH KRIEL.

2. CASE MENTIONED REFTTEL INVOLVES ONLY ONE FILM ("THE STING", FROM UNIVERSAL PICTURES). DEFENDANT IS FIRM CALLED "S FILMS", FORMERLY "SUPER FILMS". KRIEL SAYS PROSECUTION WILLING TO PROCEED BECAUSE NOT MUCH LOST IF JACOBY TESTIMONY INSUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH VALIDITY OF COPYRIGHT SINCE CASE IN MINOR ONE.

3. MUCH LARGER CASE, NOT YET BROUGHT, INVOLVES SOME 40 FILMS. DEFENDANTS WOULD BE IAN WALDBAUM, SA HOME MOVIE ASSOCIATION AND KILLARNEY HOME MOVIES. KRIEL SAYS PROSECUTION UNWILLING TO PROCEED WITHOUT ASSURANCE THAT WITNESSES FROM COPYRIGHT OFFICE AND STATES OF INCORPORATION (DELAWARE AND NEW YORK) WILL BE AVAILABLE TO COME TO SA IF NEEDED. KRIEL AND ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE CONFIRM THA DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE UNACCEPTABLE.

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RM OUR CONTACTSWITH ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE LESS THAN

SATISFACTORY. LOWER LEVER OFFICIALS SHUNT US FROM ONE TO THE OTHER, APPARENTLY AFRAID OF UNKNOWN DANGERS OF TALKING TO A FOREIGN EMBASSY. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL (REES) BETTER, BUT UNFAMILIAR WITH CASE. HE SUGGESTS WE WRITE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL. WE INTEND TO DO SO, MAKING POINT THAT EMBASSY IS WILLING TO SERVE AS CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION TO ARRANGE TO HAVE US OFFICIALS AVAILABLE WHEN NEEDED AND TO IDENTIFY CLEARLY WHICH OFFICIALS ARE MOST APPROPRIATE.

5. KRIEL HAS REPEATED THAT HE "CERTAIN" U.S. PRODUCERS WILLING TO PAY FOR TRAVEL OF NECESSARY WITNESSES.
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